## Things you should know ...

**Length:** The paddle trip is 7.5 miles.

**Launch Point:** The Dismal Swamp State Park canal bridge in South Mills, North Carolina. GPS: 36.5057, -76.3551

**Destination:** The Great Dismal Swamp Boat Ramp on the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail at Ballahack Road in Chesapeake, Virginia.

**Restroom Facilities:** Restrooms at the launch point and portable toilets at the end of the paddle.

**What To Bring:** Your own canoe or kayak and a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) . You may also want to bring binoculars, camera, sun screen, bug repellant, snack, beverage, and a change of clothes.

Interested in renting a canoe or kayak? To see a list of local vendors, go to www.cityofchesapeake.net/paddle or email dismal.swamp@ncparks.gov.





# **Schedule**

Starting at 8:00 AM

**DROP OFF YOUR BOAT** — **SOUTH MILLS, NC.** Report to the Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center and Dismal Swamp State Park in South Mills, NC. Off-load your boat and passengers. **To facilitate registration and launch, please do not arrive before 7:30 AM. GPS: 36.5057, -76.3551** 

8:00 - 9:00 AM

**DRIVE TO GLENCOE ROAD OFF RT. 17 CHESAPEAKE, VA -** Follow Glencoe Rd. to the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail. Staff will direct you where to park.

8:30 - 10:00 AM

**SHUTTLE/REGISTRATION/ BREAKFAST** - Take bus shuttle from the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail back to the launch site at NC Welcome Center and Dismal Swamp State Park. Pick up registration package. Enjoy breakfast.

**LAUNCH** - Launch canoes/kayaks from the Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center and Dismal Swamp State Park in South Mills, NC.

11:00 - 1:00 PM

**PICNIC** - Lunch on grounds of the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail at the Great Dismal Swamp Boat Ramp at Ballahack Rd. in Chesapeake, VA.

### **Registration Information:**

**Registration Fee: \$40 per person** (not refundable unless event is cancelled)

**Online Registration:** www.cityofchesapeake.net/paddle There is a convenience fee for using your credit card online. Note: This is not a Parks,Recreation and Tourism fee.

Mail-in, Walk-in, or Drop-off: Make check or money order payable to the "Chesapeake Treasurer." Please remember to put your driver's license number/ID number on your check. (Returned check fee is \$35)

**Registration Form:** You must submit a registration form. **Waiver:** Each registered person must submit a signed waiver.

#### **REGISTER EARLY - EVENT FILLS QUICKLY**

Open Registration: January 3 - April 7, 2017 (Online, Walk In or Drop Off , Mail) Late Registration: April 8, 2017-Until Full (Online Only; Add \$10 Late Fee) For information to obtain registration packets

For information to obtain registration packet in advance call 1-877-771-8333.



or overnight lodging?

Contact the Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center
in NC (877-771-8333 toll free) or
Chesapeake Parks, Recreation and Tourism
in VA (888-889-5551 toll free).

# **Contact**

**In North Carolina:** 

**Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center** 

Phone: 252-771-8333

Email: dscwelcome@camdencountync.gov

Website: www.dismalswampwelcomecenter.com

#### In Virginia:

Chesapeake Parks, Recreation and Tourism

Phone: 757-382-6411

 ${\bf Email: special programs@cityof chesapeake.net}$ 

Website: www.cityofchesapeake.net/paddle



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